

Amendment 556 is moved from the category of Transportation to the category of State Administration.

Mr. Rogers of Norwood and others move to consolidate the following amendments: 140, 141, 182, 221, 554, 555, 560, 561, 579, 580, 619, 698, 876, 880, 891, 1014 and hereby move to amend H.4000 by striking section 332.

and move to further amend H.4000 by inserting at the end thereof the following *five* sections:—

⁵⁰⁶ SECTION 1. Chapter 81 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 15 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 15. The department may contract with the town in which a state highway lies or with a private person or may make other provisions for the maintenance, repair and snow and ice removal thereof in accordance with the regulations of the department and subject to its supervision and approval. Such contracts may be made without previous advertisement.

⁵⁰⁷ SECTION 1. Paragraph (e) of section 4 of chapter 81A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking the entire paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:—

(e) to (i) own, construct, maintain, repair, reconstruct, improve, rehabilitate, use, police, administer, control and operate the turnpike or any part thereof, (ii) consistent with agreements entered into with the highway department to the extent applicable, own, construct, maintain, repair, reconstruct, improve, rehabilitate, use, police, administer, control and operate the metropolitan highway system or any part thereof, as it may determine, and (iii) effective December 1, 2003, maintain, repair, use, police, administer and operate interstate highway route 395, interstate highway route 84 and interstate highway route 291; provided, however, that the provisions of chapter 91 shall not apply to the authority, except for any parts or areas thereof subject to said chapter 91 on March 1, 1997;.

⁵⁰⁸ SECTION 1. Paragraph (a) of section 10 of chapter 81A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in the second sentence, in line 11, after the words "the turnpike;", the following:—

as well as the costs of maintaining, repairing, using, policing, administering and operating interstate highway route 395, interstate highway route 84 and interstate highway route 291;."

⁵⁰⁹ SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, in order to achieve efficiencies the executive office of transportation and construction, the Massachusetts turnpike authority and the Massachusetts highway department shall identify instances in which the Massachusetts turnpike authority can achieve cost savings for the maintenance, snow and ice removal, repair, policing, use, administration and operation of interstate highway route 290, interstate highway route

391, and that portion of interstate highway route 91 from the interchange of interstate highway route 91 and interchange highway route 90 and continuing to the Connecticut border. For the period beginning December 31, 2003, and ending on December 31, 2006, the Massachusetts highway department shall enter into an interagency service agreement with the authority for the provision of maintenance, snow and ice removal, repair, policing, use, administration and operation on such routes in order to achieve cost savings. The authority and the highway department are further authorized and directed to submit a report to the joint committee on transportation on or before January 1, 2005, detailing any and all cost savings to the commonwealth resulting from any proposed agreement to share employees, equipment, and operational activities and functions in order to achieve operational efficiencies and cash savings and from any cost savings directly related to the agreement contained in clause (a) herein, including recommendations to establish a permanent and potentially expanded process for the transfer of certain responsibilities for interstate highway systems in the commonwealth from the highway department to the authority beginning December 31, 2006.

SECTION ⁵¹⁰ 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the executive office of transportation and construction shall submit to the joint committee on transportation no later than January 1, 2004 (a) a study regarding the safety and efficiency of the North End Rotary located on Route 20 in the town of West Springfield, (b) the construction of a berm or sound barrier along Gina Circle in Framingham, (c) the construction of traffic signals and roadway improvements at the intersection of Rockdale Ave. and Bolton Street in the city of New Bedford.

further

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett and Mr. Correia of Fall River, offer the following further amendment to the 'consolidated amendment' in the transportation subject area by adding at the end thereof, the following:

of Section 510 (inserted by amendment)

End of 510

"provided, however, that the Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction shall issue a report, including findings and a recommendation by September 15, 2003 to the Senate and House Committees on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Transportation with regard to the continuation of the design, planning and construction of the North-South Rail Link, so-called. Said report by the Secretary shall include a specific recommendation as to whether continued and future Commonwealth financial support is warranted for this project, including the identification of the estimated cost of the project for construction, equipment and maintenance, its relative benefit to the public and the prospects, if any, for financial support from the federal government."